SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5305**

	2		6			1	3	
9			3	1		8		
				7			9	4
		3				6		1
			2	4	3			
			7			4		
1					5			
5		2	4	3		9		
	3					5		7

TRICKY **B5305**

			7					
	3	8	4			1		
					1			6
5		3		6				9
9				3			4	1
						3		
					8			
	4	1	6		7			
		2	3			5	6	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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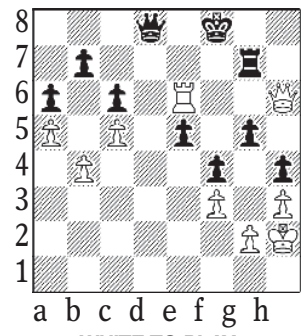


WHITE TO PLAY

HINT: First target the rook.

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

COALITION

(COALITION: ko-uh-LIH-shun: A temporary alliance of distinct parties for joint action.)

AVERAGE MARK 34 WORDS

Time limit 60 minute

Can you find 52 or more words in COALITION?

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

YESTERDAY'S WORD — SQUABBLING

sail	snag	using	bling
sang	snail	abusing	bluing
sign	snub	align	bulb
signal	snug	bail	bung
sing	squab	bang	busing
slab	squib	basil	lain
slain	subbing	basin	lasing
slang	suing	basing	ling
sling	sung	bias	lung
slub	quail	blab	nail
slug	quasi	blain	gain
slung	ulna	blin	glib

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
PTCL Complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111- 001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

METRO EVENTS

MUSIC

'Geet & Ghazal Night', an evening of soulful melodies, is held at The Caf Nook, Phase 8, DHA, at 7:30pm.

QAWWALI

A qawwali night featuring Ghayoor Moiz Qawwal & Brothers at T2F at 7pm.

A qawwali night featuring Mustafa Abu Muhammad Qawwal and brothers at Port Grand at 8pm.

CARNIVAL

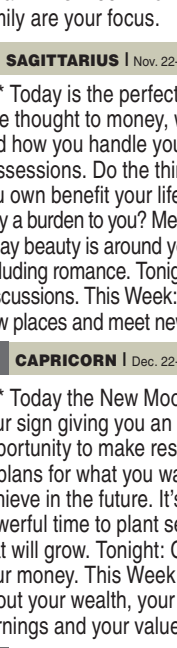
A 'Family Carnival' at Ocean 99, Sector 19, Scheme 33, from 2pm to 9pm.

THEATRE

'The Law Stage 6.0: Theatrical Experience of Business Cases' at Iqra University Business School, at 1:30pm.

CAT DAY

'Cat Day' at Habitt City at 5pm.



HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** This might be the best day of the year to ponder your life direction because you're heading off on a new journey this year. Think about what you want to accomplish. Where do you want to be in five years? Tonight: Friendships. This Week: Focus on friendships and organizations.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** This is the classic day to develop a crush on your boss or someone older or more established. Today's New Moon energy is the perfect time to think about what further education, training or travel could enrich your life. Tonight: You're noticed. This Week: You make a fabulous impression!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Today you will adore travel. You also might adore someone "different" or someone from afar. Meanwhile, this is one of the best days of the year to think about how you handle your debt. Tonight: Explore! This Week: Travel, study. Broaden your horizons!

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** The New Moon today is your chance to think about what you can do to improve your closest relationships. For a relationship to be successful, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you. Tonight: Check your finances. This Week: Relationships and finances are intense.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about how to work harder, work smarter or find a better job. It's also your chance to give more serious thought to how to improve your health. Tonight: Cooperate. This Week: Get more rest. Enjoy partnerships.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** A work-related romance might warm your heart today. Meanwhile, today's New Moon is your chance to think about the balance in your life between work and play. Do you value your creative talents? Do you make time for fun? Tonight: Work. This Week: Be efficient about work and improving your health.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** This is a fabulous day for romance! You will also enjoy socializing and having good times with friends, sports events and playful activities with kids. Think about how you can improve your domestic world today. Tonight: Play! This Week: Schmooze and socialize!

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Today's New Moon is about communication for your sign. How can you improve your everyday communications with others? Meanwhile, this is a wonderful day to entertain at home or make where you live look more attractive. Tonight: Relax. This Week: Home and family are your focus.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Today is the perfect day to give thought to money, wealth and how you handle your possessions. Do the things that you own benefit your life, or are they a burden to you? Meanwhile, today beauty is around you, including romance. Tonight: Discussions. This Week: See new places and meet new faces!

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Today the New Moon is in your sign giving you an opportunity to make resolutions or plans for what you want to achieve in the future. It's a powerful time to plant seeds that will grow. Tonight: Check your money. This Week: Think about your wealth, your earnings and your values.

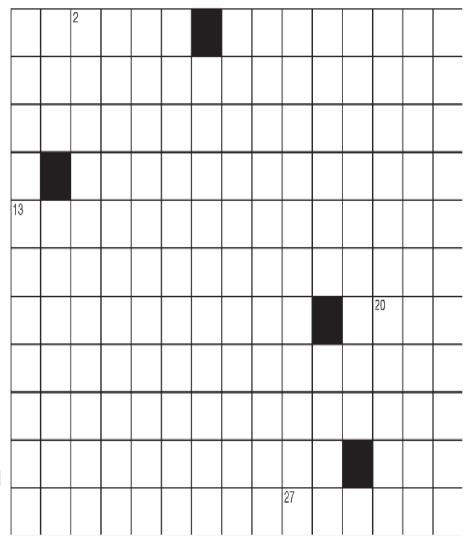
AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Today's New Moon is taking place in a hidden part of your chart, which is why you might feel the need to make some internal changes. Romance and friendship will blossom today! Tonight: You win! This Week: You can recharge your batteries for the rest of the year!

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Today's New Moon is the perfect day to make resolutions. Someone younger might influence your decisions or give you suggestions. Meanwhile, a secret love affair might be percolating on the back burner. It's possible. Tonight: Privacy. This Week: Set some goals for the future.

THE SKELETON CROSSWORD



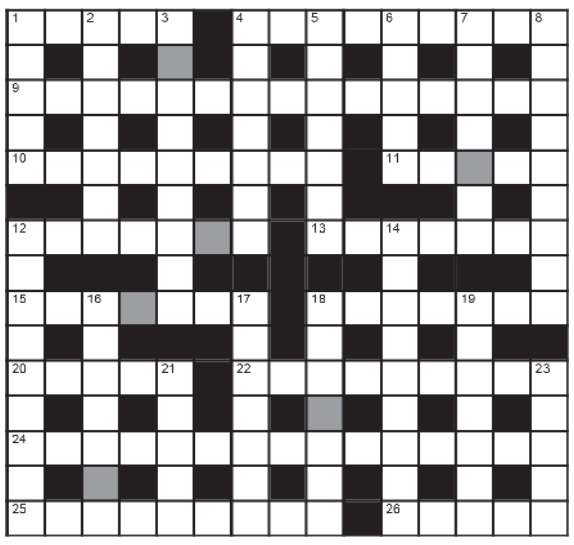
ACROSS

1 Small hotel fed native
4 Sly cur is a high-flyer
10 No proficiency? Interesting
11 Game monarch said OK
12 Cunning bard's filling time
13 Rude utterance regretted
15 Note added to £2 order
16 Silly Tibetan – so stubborn!
17 Very modest, but heartless
19 An unusual variety of lily
22 Signal to do something about unsafe borders
24 Uninspired skinflint originally generous
25 Book left with one-time hero
26 Transgression by wicked sailor
27 Clearings pleased these two

DOWN

1 Drunk a smug senior fools
2 It fertilises an egg or egg sample
3 Man bagging lead in play
5 Food cupboard's opening, by the way
6 Flight path maybe put to flight engineer
7 Secondary factors include races and resolutions
8 Learn facial hair causes distress
9 Ringer in Ealing, say, for Anne Brontë
14 Idiot is missing the point
15 Light meal that is in fact eaten
18 Country singer's initial tenderness
20 Cold-hearted love overly rushed
21 Reflection of a fashionable girl
23 Chopper beginning to land making skater jump

THE SQUIRE'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Footing (5)
4 Unshaved lip hair (9)
9 Female cleric (5,2,3,5)
10 Scrooge (9)
11 Tribal emblem (5)
12 Tyrants (7)
13 Haughtiness (7)
15 Vacuously (7)
18 Relaxing (7)
20 Light purple (5)
22 Pyjamas, e.g. (9)
24 Rebuild emotionally (4,2,3,6)
25 Debacles (9)
26 Flighty, silly (5)

DOWN

1 Game with a jack (5)
2 Peaks (7)
3 Composure (9)
4 Domed spongy cakes (7)
5 Detach (7)
6 Unspoken (5)
7 Gleeful laugh (7)
8 Brief, passing (9)
12 Contracted (9)
14 Overturning (9)
16 Monitors and regulates (7)
17 Longest river in China (7)
18 Go back (7)
19 Conned (7)
21 Masterstrokes (5)
23 Croaking (5)

TELEWORD

By David Ouellet

D	T	A	N	I	L	O	R	A	C	H	T	U	O	S
S	L	C	E	D	I	R	E	A	J	A	C	K	I	E
T	S	I	H	O	O	R	R	E	M	B	G	A	R	S
H	E	F	N	A	W	O	I	O	L	E	R	N	K	S
G	I	N	I	C	L	T	G	O	L	E	R	O	I	I
I	V	O	N	Y	O	L	Y	R	H	Y	K	I	W	K
E	O	S	N	E	O	L	A	T	U	C	A	I	C	N
H	M	N	V	E	V	R	N	A	R	H	B	T	P	A
O	A	I	L	O	L	A	E	H	R	O	T	H	P	S
W	R	B	O	E	P	D	E	L	O	O	F	O	U	E
A	S	O	V	K	O	R	E	H	S	J	N	T	N	E
R	H	R	C	S	R	E	G	N	E	V	A	H	O	V
D	A	A	R	T	S	E	G	A	S	S	E	M	T	E
M	L	T	I	O	R	T	E	D	R	A	W	D	E	L
B	L	L	I	V	I	C	A	P	T	A	I	N	G	S

HOW TO PLAY:

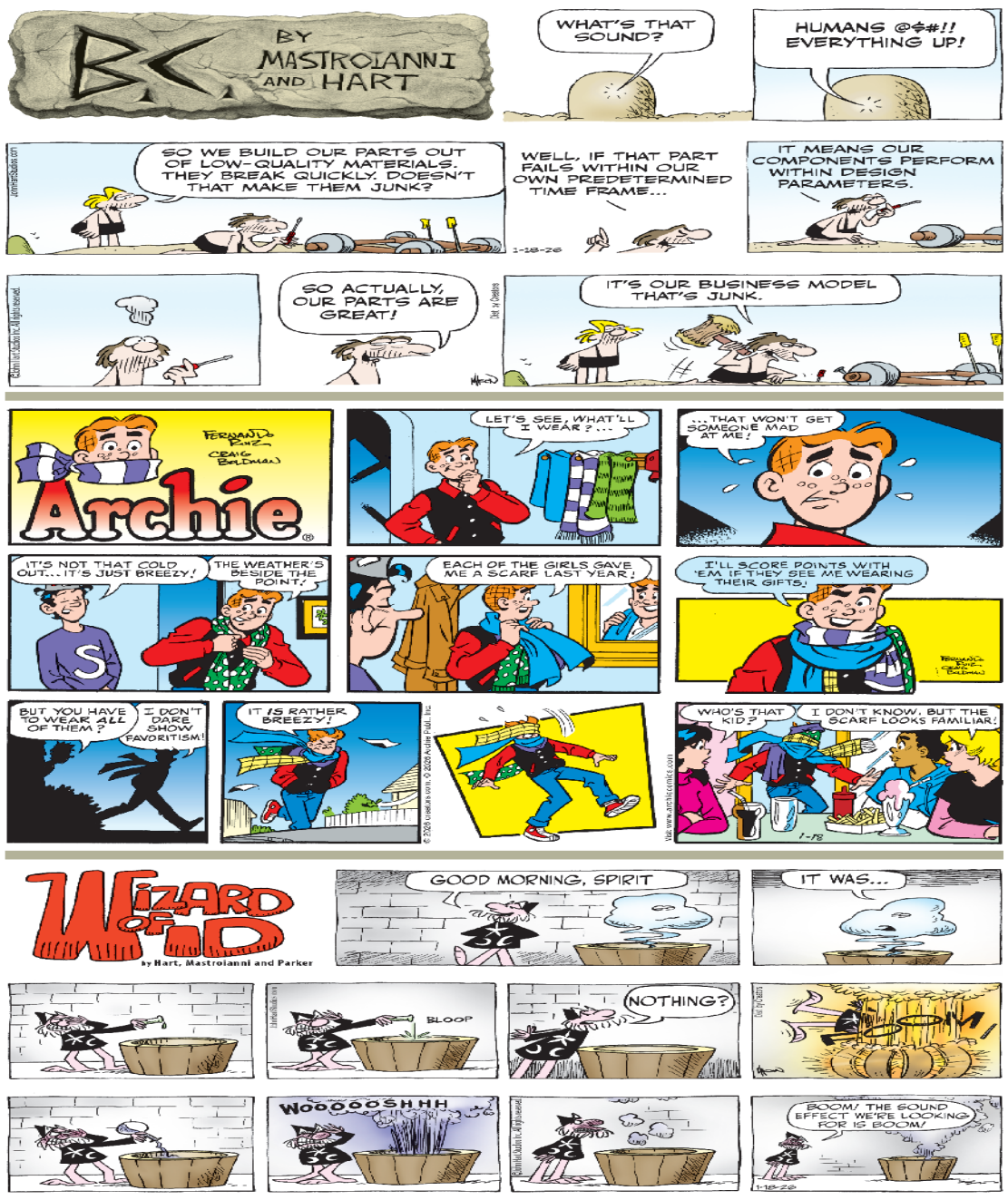
All the words above appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and circle their letters. The leftover letters spell the Teleword.

CHADWICK BOSEMAN **SOLUTION: 12 LETTERS**

Aaron, America, Arts, Avengers, Black Panther, Brown, Captain, Carolyn, Choir, Civil, Detroit, Forty-two, Get on Up, Heaven, Heights, Hero, Howard, Jackie, James, John, King, Kisses, Krio, Ledward, Leroy, Levee, Lincoln, Marshall, Marvel, Message, Movies, Ride, Robinson, South Carolina, Spike Lee, Taylor, T'Challa, Thoth, Thurgood

Answer: Da Five Bloods

THE METRO FUNNIES


BC
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
HUMANS @$#!! EVERYTHING UP!
SO WE BUILD OUR PARTS OUT OF LOW-QUALITY MATERIALS. THEY BREAK QUICKLY. DOESN'T THAT MAKE THEM JUNK?
WELL, IF THAT PART FAILS WITHIN OUR OWN PREDETERMINED TIME FRAME...
IT MEANS OUR COMPONENTS PERFORM WITHIN DESIGN PARAMETERS.
SO ACTUALLY, OUR PARTS ARE GREAT!
IT'S OUR BUSINESS MODEL THAT'S JUNK.
Archie
LET'S SEE, WHAT'LL I WEAR?...
...THAT WON'T GET SOMEONE MAD AT ME!
IT'S NOT THAT COLD OUT...IT'S JUST BREEZY!
THE WEATHER'S BESIDE THE POINT!
EACH OF THE GIRLS GAVE ME A SCARF LAST YEAR!
I'LL SCORE POINTS WITH 'EM IF THEY SEE ME WEARING THEIR GIFTS!
BUT YOU HAVE TO WEAR ALL OF THEM?
I DON'T DARE SHOW FAVORITISM!
IT IS RATHER BREEZY!
WHO'S THAT KID?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE SCARF LOOKS FAMILIAR!
WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
GOOD MORNING, SPIRIT
IT WAS...
NOTHING?
BLOOP
WOOOOOSHHH
BOOM! THE SOUND EFFECT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS BOOM!

PENTALETTA

L		A
	P	
E		R

Can you find 29 or more words containing only the five letters shown on the left? Each word must include the letter in the centre, in this case P, and must contain at least four letters, but there is no limit on the number of times you can use a letter in any word. Your list should include an accepting eight-letter word.

(Solution: next Sunday)

Average mark: 29 words • **Good:** 37 words
Excellent: 44 words • **Incredible:** 49 words

LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTION:

ethos, hoes, hoot, hoots, hose, hoses, host, hostess, hosts, hots, hotshot, hotshots, hottest, oohs, seethe, seethes, sheet, sheets, shoe, shoes, shoo, shoos, shoot, shoots, shot, shote, shotes, shots, sooth, soothe, soothes, teeth, teethe, teethes, thee, these, theses, those, tooth, tosh.
The clued word was: HOSTESSES

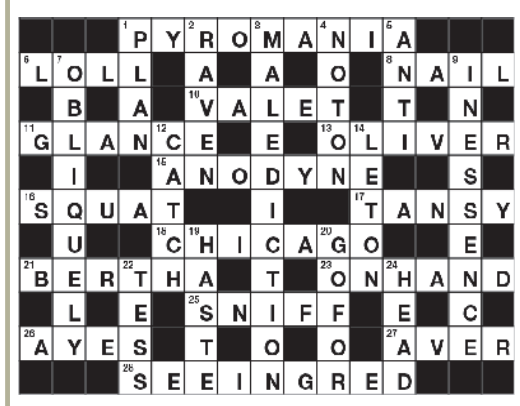
LAST SUNDAY SQUIRE'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Plain, 4 Baguettes, 9 Interchangeable, 10 Elucidate, 11 Theme, 12 Madison, 13 Lash-ups, 15 Locusts, 18 Chagrin, 20 Duped, 22 Equitable, 24 Out of the picture, 25 Tolerance, 26 Sadly.

Down: 1 Prime, 2 Astound, 3 Narcissus, 4 Bahrain, 5 Genteel, 6 Event, 7 Tableau, 8 See reason, 12 Maladroit, 14 Spartacus, 16 Capital, 17 Stephen, 18 Crumple, 19 Rebound, 21 Do for, 23 Elegy.

Prize word: Septet

LAST SUNDAY SKELETON SOLUTIONS



TODAY'S SOLUTIONS

CHESS

1. Rg6! Qe7 2. Qh8ch Kf7 3. Rxg7ch [Breukmeulen-Hendriks '14].

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

Quick — A5304

2	9	3	4	8	7	6	1	5
6	7	4	1	3	5	9	2	8
8	5	1	6	9	2	3	4	7
5	6	2	3	4	8	1	7	9
9	4	8	7	2	1	5	3	6
3	1	7	5	6	9	2	8	4
4	2	5	8	1	6	7	9	3
7	8	9	2	5	3	4	6	1
1	3	6	9	7	4	8	5	2

Tricky — B5304

7	2	3	1	8	9	5	6	4
5	6	1	4	5	2	3	9	7
4	5	9	3	7	6	2	8	1
2	1	7	9	4	8	6	5	3
5	3	8	7	6	1	4	2	9
6	9	4	5	2	3	7	1	8
1	8	6	2	3	7	9	4	5
3	4	2	8	9	5	1	7	6
9	7	5	6	1	4	8	3	2

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

The sure road to victory

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ K Q
♦ K 7 2
♣ A 10 9 5

WEST
♠ A K Q 9 5
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 10 7 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 9 8 5 3
♣ K 7 4

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A J 10 8 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ Q J 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead -- king of spades.

Assume you're in four hearts and West leads the king of spades followed by the ace. You ruff and draw West's four trumps, then lead the queen of clubs and finesse. East wins with the king and returns a spade, and West cashes the Q-9-5 of spades to put you down two.

This is certainly disappointing, since you would have made the contract if West had had the decency to hold the king of clubs, or if he had held only three trumps instead of four, or if East had started with two spades instead of three.

However, when you give the matter a bit more thought, you realize that the contract was practically certain from the outset and that you should have made four hearts despite your bad luck.

All you had to do was discard a club trick at two! You then could ruff the spade continuation at trick three, draw trump and take the club finesse. But this time, because East doesn't have a spade to return, you finish with 10 tricks even though the club finesse loses.

Rejecting the temptation to ruff the spade ace at trick two is consistent with a guiding principle of good dummy play. Declarer assumes the worst -- namely, that the club finesse will lose and that the trumps are divided 4-2 rather than 3-3 -- and he then caters to these possibilities in whatever way he can.

The club discard by South at trick two might constitute a pessimistic approach to the play, but in bridge, cautious pessimism is often the key to victory.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	06:01pm	05:27pm	06:06pm	05:26pm	05:32pm	06:01pm
Sunrise	07:13am	07:08am	07:17am	07:00am	07:15am	07:24am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	7	20	Partly Cloudy	84	8	20	Partly Cloudy	8	21	Sunny
Hyderabad	10	26	Sunny	59	10	27	Sunny	10	28	Sunny
Islamabad	9	21	Partly Cloudy	55	8	21	Partly Cloudy	7	20	Cloudy
Lahore	7	19	Partly Cloudy	73	7	19	Partly Cloudy	7	19	Cloudy
Multan	7	20	Mostly Sunny	69	8	21	Sunny	8	21	Sunny
Peshawar	7	21	Mostly Cloudy	60	6	20	Partly Cloudy	7	20	Cloudy
Quetta	-2	11	Partly Cloudy	47	1	12	Sunny	1	13	Sunny

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